Title: Sea erosion in the coastal belt of Kerala.

SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN (ALLEPPEY): Sir, I would like to invite the urgent attention of the Government to the serious situation prevailing in the coastal belt of Kerala due to the acute sea erosion.

Sea erosion has been a perennial menace in the coastal areas of several districts of Kerala, especially Alapuzha which bears the brunt of the devastation to the maximum. Irrespective of seasons, sea erosion is a regular calamity thriving life into utter miseries.

The Kerala Government cannot handle this natural calamity single-handedly for paucity of funds. The State Government has submitted a project of Rs.267 crore for the protection of the sea coast as part of the national coastal protection project.

I would request the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Minister for Water Resources to attend to the miserable plight of the people of the coastal belt and take immediate steps to sanction the project submitted by the Government of Kerala.